## Union Pacific Continues Rail Work from Houston to Sugar Land Crews to build new track and install rail on existing track

**Houston, Texas, February 18, 2015** – Union Pacific Railroad is announcing the next phase in its multi-million dollar project that will extend a second rail line through Sugar Land, Stafford and Missouri City, Texas, as part of an overall plan to improve train operating efficiency.

The first phase began in the summer of 2014 and involved the clearing and grading of Union Pacific's existing right of way alongside the tracks. This second phase will be the actual installation of new ballast, ties and rails. In order to complete this work, Union Pacific will need to temporarily close selected railroad crossings. Electronic signs will notify drivers of upcoming closures in advance to help them plan for alternate routes.

Union Pacific will continue to meet regularly with local officials to help keep the community informed of construction progress, scheduled closures and alternative routes.

The first scheduled crossing closure will be Brooks Street, beginning on March 4. This will be a 4-day closure to shift existing track to make room for the new rail. Following the work at Brooks Street, a series of 3-day closures is scheduled. Those closures will be: Ulrich Street, Brooks Street (a second closure), Main, Wood and Eldridge, Gillingham, Industrial and Dairy Ashford. As with all construction projects details are subject to change. Additional closures required during construction will be announced by Union Pacific once they are scheduled.

In addition to the work being done to install a second main line of track, maintenance work is being scheduled for the existing line. As part of its continuous inspection and maintenance program, a "rail gang" will be replacing the rails on the main line from Houston to Stafford. This work will be completed at night so as to not interfere with the new line's installation. A set of crossings are expected to be temporarily impacted by this work, though the exact time and duration are still to be determined. Those crossings are:

- Post Oak crossing in southeast Houston
- Fort Bend Toll Road
- Hillcroft
- Fondren
- Cravens crossing in Missouri City
- Gessner Crossing
- Stafford Road
- FM 1092
- Promenade
- Dulles Avenue
- Dairy Ashford crossing

- Industrial
- Shlumberger
- Gillingham
- Eldridge
- Wood
- Main
- Ulrich
- Highway 6
- Pitts Road
- FM 359



"We are very pleased in the progress of the project and what it means for this area," said Brenda Mainwaring, Union Pacific vice president – Public Affairs, Southern Region. "We are also appreciative of the patience of the Sugar Land community during our work and the temporary closures. We will continue to communicate our project's progress and look to minimize the impact on the drivers in the area."

Safety measures will be implemented during construction. Directional wayside horns mounted at crossing sites will remain operational; however, approaching trains will be required to sound bells and horns while crews are on the work site. Sounding train horns under these circumstances is mandated by railroad operating rules and is not considered a violation of quiet zone regulation. The work for the new rail line is expected to take place between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., so train horns should not sound overnight. Work on the existing track will occur at night and while train horns are not expected, residents may hear some of the noise from the construction site. The public should pay close attention to all permanent and temporary warning signs at crossings, and maximize safety while the project is underway.

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